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Verily Allah requires you to abide by justice, and to treat with grace, and give like the giving of kin to kin; and forbids indecency, and manifest evil, and transgression.

The Holy Quran. al-Nahl [The Honeybee]: 91.

Most people ask the question and do so even with reference to the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) as to how many teachings in total are contained in *The Holy Quran*? Because in some places there are 500, in some places 700 and in some places another number is mentioned:

I tell you truly that whoever evades a single one of these commandments will be [deemed] accountable on the Day of Judgement.

Give up all miserliness, rancour, jealousy, ill-will and coldness and be united. There are 2 main commandments of *The Holy Quran*: One is to acknowledge the Unity of God and to render love and obedience to Him, hallowed be His name; the second is sympathy with your brethren and with the whole of mankind. Then He has positioned these commandments into 3 categories as there are also 3 kinds of capabilities. That verse is as follows:

Verily Allah requires you to abide by justice, and to treat with grace, and give like the giving of kin to kin; and forbids indecency, and manifest evil, and transgression.¹

It is not stated that such a person would certainly be held to account but that they would be deemed accountable. These are 2 distinct aspects because:

And to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the Earth. He forgives whomsoever He pleases and punishes whomsoever He pleases, and Allah is Most Forgiving the Merciful.²

Here the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states that there are only 2 main commandments of *The Holy Quran*. That is [belief in] *Tawhid* [Oneness of God] and kindness towards humanity. In fact this teaching boils down to just one because the devotees of Almighty God cannot possibly bear enmity for their brothers or no hold affection for humankind. According to the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) as the self has 3 stages - The self that incites to evil, the reprover and the soul at rest - So there are also 3 stages of reformation. Firstly that one is taught the humane morals of a lower order to make one distinct from animals. Secondly that one is taught to progress to a higher state of morality and thirdly that when one is qualified with the higher morals to replenish with the draft of Divine vision:

The purpose of *The Holy Quran* was to elevate savages into men, and then to equip them with moral qualities, and finally raise them to the level of godly persons. *The Holy Quran* thus comprehends all those 3 projects.

¹ Ahmad, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. *Izala e Auham*. (Riyaz e Hind, 1891). *Ruhani Khazain*: iii. 548, 550. English: *The Essence of Islam*: iv. (Islam International Publications Ltd, 2006). 246, 249.

² *The Holy Quran*. Āl Imran [Family of Imran]: 130.

Before I embark upon a detailed exposition of the threefold reforms that I have just mentioned, it is necessary to point out that there is no teaching in *The Holy Quran* which is imposed by compulsion.³

You are free not to act upon any teaching but doing so would certainly harm you however small that teaching may be.

This is exactly why the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states that whoever neglects the smallest of the teachings of *The Holy Quran* closes the door of salvation upon themselves.

So there is only one teaching that continues to be divided further in stages. Then it is categorised into thousands of teachings. Thus the situation at the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was such that it presented a scenario of '*Corruption has flourished over land and sea* ...⁴ Now it is apparently one thing that corruption had appeared and the Holy Prophet ﷺ eradicated it. But on concentrating one can imagine how many corruptions there were. An abundance of teachings were required to remove all these corruptions. It is impossible to count the spread of evil across America and the rest of the world but they have all been mentioned in the 3 parts of this verse (recited at the beginning).⁵

Those who count the teachings and limit them to 500 or 700 or any other [number] their vision was defective but the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has not only mentioned 500 or 700 rather his sight extended out of these boundaries into thousands.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has written about the state of Arabia and their inherent evils and that our Prophet ﷺ appeared in the city of Mecca to remove all these evils and commandments came down to him in abundance to remove these ills.

So every teaching opens the doors of protection from harm for us. It means that neglecting any teaching serves to close that door to us. Similarly every teaching of *The Holy Quran* readies you for the next teaching. So that once the journey begins every step would take you further ahead.

In this age Almighty God has especially turned my attention towards teaching *The Holy Quran* and granted me its love which was necessary for implementing the teachings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

In this relation the *Tarjumatul Quran Class* [*Translation of the Quran*] broadcast on MTA is important and helpful so I advise the *Jamat* to listen to this Class even if someone listens to 10 of its lessons with concentration and care it would be impossible for them to part with it because they would begin to love *The Holy Quran*:

³ Ahmad. *Islami Usool Ki Philosophy* [*The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*]. (Matba Siddiqi, 1896. English: 1910, 1979, 2010). 22, 23, 25. *Ruhani Khazain*: x. 327, 328.

⁴ Corruption has flourished over land and sea because of what people's hands have wrought that He may make them taste the fruit of some of their doings so that they may retreat.

The Holy Quran. al-Rum [The Byzantines]. 42.

⁵ Literally: 'second world' can also be translated as the Second World countries.

And if all the trees that are in the Earth were pens and transcribed the words of Allah with the oceans with 7 oceans swelling it thereafter the words of Allah would not be exhausted. Surely Allah is the Mighty the Wise.⁶

So these words themselves that are the teachings of the Quran. May Allah the Almighty enable us to act upon these teachings.

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⁶ *The Holy Quran*. Luqman: 28.